37. Need for a Munisiff's court at Pattanamtitta.

MR. K. M. MATHAI (*Member, Pattanamtitta taluk*) pressed on the attention of the Government the need for a Munsiff's court at Pattanamtitta and said that in the matter of population, revenue, and material wealth and in several other respects, Pattanamtitta taluk was pushing to the forefront. The amount spent upon the taluk for the conveniences and the material advancement of the taluk bore only an insignificant proportion to its contribution to the revenues of the State. When compared with many other taluks, Pattanamtitta had a larger number of banks, registered and unregistered *chitties*, several large commercial concerns, co-operative societies, transfers of landed property, etc., with the result that matters for adjudication by law courts were growing almost daily. Parties from Kumbazha *pauthi* which fell within the jurisdiction of the Adur Munsiff's court had to cover a distance of nearly 48 miles and the people of some of the other *pakuthies* 16 to 20 miles to reach the Adur and Chengannur Munsiffs' courts between whose jurisdictions were distributed the *pakuthies* of the Pattanamtitta taluk. Furthermore, traffic during the rainy season was dangerous on account of the heavy floods in the Pampa, Achankoil, Kallar and other rivers. A Munsiff's court at Pattanamtitta would serve the needs of the whole of Pattanamtitta taluk as well as of Mallapuzhasseri, Ayirur and Pantalam Vadakkekara *pakuthies* of the Tiruvalla taluk as also portions of the Mavelikara taluk comprising Pantalam Tekkekara and Koduman *pakuthies*. The Munsiffs' courts in the rest of the Quilon Division were so closely situated that if a redistribution were made, Pattanamtitta could be given a Munsiff's court for itself without great expense.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Mathai, your representation will be referred to the High Court and they will be asked to make a recommendation to the Government.

38. Need for a Munsiff's court for Todupuzha taluk.

MR. PERUMAL PILLAI SANKARA PILLAI (*Member, Todupuzha taluk*) said that his subject was being represented in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly from its seventh session onwards, but nothing had yet been done to redress the grievances of the people of his taluk in spite of the promise made by the Government in 1925 to the deputation of the people of Todupuzha. Mr. Justice Sankara Pillai had visited the place in the course of his tour of inspection and was convinced of the need for a Munsiff's court there. In point of education, communications, etc., Todupuzha taluk occupied almost the lowest rungs. The distance from Todupuzha taluk to the Muvattupuzha Munsiff's court ranged from 12 to 40 miles. A Munsiff's court should be established at Todupuzha, or in the alternative, at least a Munsiff-Magistrate's court should be established there.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sankara Pillai, the High Court have definitely recommended that a Munsiff-Magistrate's court having both criminal and civil jurisdiction over all the *pakuthies* included in the Todupuzha taluk should be established at Todupuzha. The proposal has recently been received by the Government and is receiving their consideration. Of course, before the Government can definitely decide, they must know whether there is a suitable building available to house the court.

MEMBER: The Tahsildar's quarters were built at a time when houses could not be had at Todupuzha for rent. Conditions have now changed. The sub-registrar's office may therefore be shifted to the Tahsildar's quarters and the Munsiff-Magistrate's court housed in the building now used as sub-registrar's office.

DEWAN: The matter will be considered.

39. Need for a Magistrate's court of the first or second class at Parur.

MR. KANAKKU GOVINDAN VELAYUDHAN (*Member, Parur taluk*) said that Parur taluk bordered on the Cochin territory, and when cases involving the violation of the Abkari Regulation, Rules, etc., arose, the Excise officers and the witnesses in those cases had to go as far as Alwaye. The remoteness of the Alwaye Magistrate's court and the difficulties in prosecuting the cases there took away from the Excise officers their sense of honesty. Crimes increased

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